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Letters to the Editor

Government's Role

To the Editor of The Chattanooga Times:

I wish to commend you on your editorial "An Eye on the CIA" in Sept. 11 Times. We certainly need congressional control on the many operating executive functions now usurped by our federal government. We are in fact already operating under a police state in the use of federal troops rather than our courts. You will also recall the Inland Steel spying by FBI, etc.

We must accept responsibility for this trend because of our personal lack of interest in managing our affairs. We have gone crazy for security which is fast being supplied by a powerful and dangerous federal government. You are to be commended for calling this to your readers' attention.

Your editorial "Magnets and Merit" draws an illogical conclusion as well as the "Strange Bedfellows" cartoon. I am opposed to the test-ban treaty for a number of reasons, the main one being the prime assurance that the administration gives for signing it, in saying that it is "unimportant" and not binding in war use, etc. I am not in favor of any individual and particularly my government, doing anything "unimportant" that has the serious implications of the implied security in this agreement.

No one wants Strontium floating around and contaminating babies' milk, but I, for one, think it better to start building up a resistance to it and to continue with all speed on an effective defense system so that at least we can have the survival of the fittest. Of course, it just occurred to me that this is probably what Providence is doing—for at least De Gaulle and Mao are daring to say what they are going to do when I am not sure that U.S. and Russia know what we are doing!

It also seems to me that a worthless treaty will speed atomic development in those areas we are trying to placate while placating development where it could do the most good for peaceful purposes, namely, in small independent countries. I guess you sense by now that I do not have any faith in a

few large powerful countries maintaining a peaceful world. I believe it will only come from peaceful individuals maintaining small and peaceful governments under their control to serve them, not dominate them. I believe this is a basic law and all history has not refuted it.

Thank you for keeping the news coming to us, for if we dare not to think and stay informed, we will surely lose our personal security and pay an awful price in serfdom.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I remain

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